



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Legislation Scrutiny Committee

Associated Minutes of Proceedings

**Inquiry into the Marine Pollution
Legislation Amendment Bill 2019**

December 2019



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 62

12.00 pm, Thursday, 17 October 2019
Litchfield Room

Present: Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen
Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson

Secretariat: Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Russell Keith, First Clerk Assistant

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 61 of 7 October 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

2. EVIDENCE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions received

Question put and passed.

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the Department to the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice requesting a written response by Wednesday 23 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

3. MENTAL HEALTH AND RELATED SERVICES AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Lambley seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft 'No Issues' report, *Inquiry into the Mental Health and Related Services Amendment Bill 2019* to be presented to the Speaker on Friday 18 October 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 26 November 2019.

Question put and passed.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mrs Worden seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submissions and supplementary information received.

Question put and passed.

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee forward the questions of the Department to the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Community Development requesting a written response by Wednesday 23 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

The Committee requested that the committee secretary contact Mr Kon Vatskalis and seek further information regarding issues of concern to Darwin City Council regarding the Local Government Bill 2019 to be received by close of business 23 September 2019.

5. PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION

Mrs Finocchiaro moved and Mr Paech seconded that:

Pursuant to Standing Order 194(1), unless the Department requests confidentiality, the Committee authorises publication of departmental responses to the Committee's written questions on Bills following receipt.

Question put and passed.

6. NEW BILL REFERRALS

Mrs Worden moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

1. The Committee call for submissions to its inquiries into Bills referred in the October sittings to be received by Wednesday 13 November 2019
2. The Committee write to the responsible Ministers requesting a contact officer in relation to Bills referred in the October sittings and inviting departmental representatives to appear before the Committee at a public briefing on Wednesday 30 October 2019.

Question put and passed.

7. PETITION REFERRAL

Mr Paech moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

Pursuant to Sessional Order 17(2), the Committee notify the Clerk that the Committee recommends that the Assembly debate Petition No. 42.

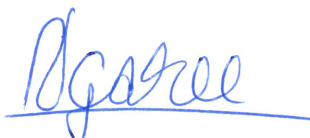
Question put and passed.

8. NEXT MEETING

Public Briefings and Deliberative – Wednesday 30 October 2019:

- 9.30 am Public Briefing – Marine Pollution Legislation Amendment Bill 2019
- 10.00 am Public Briefing – National Disability Insurance Scheme (Worker Clearance) Bill 2019
- 10.30 am – Deliberative (Consideration of departmental responses to the Committee's written questions on the Local Government Bill 2019 and the Evidence and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019)

Meeting closed at 12.35 pm.



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



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13th Assembly

SOCIAL POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 63

9.30 am, Wednesday, 30 October 2019

Litchfield Room

Present:	Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Member for Daly Mrs Kate Worden MLA, Member for Sanderson
Apologies:	Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Araluen Mr Chansey Paech MLA, Member for Namatjira
Secretariat:	Julia Knight, Committee Secretary Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer

1. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Marine Pollution Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Karen Avery: Executive Director, Environment Policy and Support, Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Kathleen Davis: Director, Environment Policy, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

National Disability Insurance Scheme (Worker Clearance) Bill 2019

Samantha Livesley: Senior Director, Office of Disability, Department of Health

Michelle Wright: Acting Deputy Director, Office of Disability, Department of Health

Rosa Nardone: Senior Policy Officer, Office of Disability, Department of Health

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mrs Worden moved and Ms Ah Kit seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting No. 62 of 17 October 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received from City of Darwin.

Question put and passed.

4. EVIDENCE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Evidence and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019* to be presented to the Speaker on Thursday 31 October 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 26 November 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL 2019

Mrs Worden moved and Mr Higgins seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report *Inquiry into the Local Government Bill 2019* to be presented to the Speaker on Thursday 31 October 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 26 November 2019.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 9.00 am – 10.00 am, Monday 18 November 2019 (consideration of submissions received on Bills referred in October sittings).

Meeting closed at 10.24 am.



Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

13th Assembly

LEGISLATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

10.00 am, Monday 9 December 2019

Litchfield Room

- Present:** Ms Ngaree Ah Kit MLA, Chair, Member for Karama
Ms Sandra Nelson MLA, Deputy Chair, Member for Katherine
Mr Tony Sievers MLA, Member for Brennan
Mrs Lia Finocchiaro MLA, Member for Spillett
Mrs Robyn Lambley MLA, Member for Araluen
- Secretariat:** Julia Knight, Committee Secretary
Jennifer Buckley, Committee Secretary
Elise Dyer, Senior Research Officer
Melissa Campaniello, Administration/Research Officer
Kim Cowcher, Administration Assistant

1. PUBLIC BRIEFINGS: NEW BILL REFERRALS

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Justice Legislation Amendment (Domestic and Family Violence) Bill 2019

Jenni Daniel-Yee: Director, Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Penny Drysdale: Senior Policy Officer and Lawyer, Policy Coordination/Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Licensing (Director-General) Repeal Bill 2019

Jenni Daniel-Yee: Director, Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Hannah Clee: Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Sexual Offences (Evidence and Procedure) Amendment Bill 2019

Jenni Daniel-Yee: Director, Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Leonique Swart: Principal Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy, Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Ports Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Nick Papandonakis: Executive Director Strategy Policy and Legislation, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Guy Riley: Senior Legal Policy Officer, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

James Mathews: Senior Policy Officer, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics

Petroleum Legislation Miscellaneous Amendments Bill 2019

Rod Applegate: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

James Pratt: Executive Director, Onshore Gas Development

Emma Jane Farnell: Director, Onshore Gas Development

The Committee adjourned at 12.00 pm until 12.45 pm

2. PUBLIC HEARING: RESIDENTIAL TENANCIES LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

The Committee heard from the following witnesses:

Darwin Community Legal Service

Linda Weatherhead: Executive Director

Tamara Spence: Managing Solicitor Tenancy Advice Service and Specialist Services

Caroline Deane: Tenancy Advice Service Solicitor

Tabled Paper: *Minimum notice periods for evictions without grounds.*

Real Estate Institute of the Northern Territory

Quentin Kilan: Chief Executive Officer

Diane Davis: President

Allison O'Neil: Director

Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Doug Burns: Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy

Hannah Clee: Senior Policy Lawyer, Legal Policy

Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development

Christine Fitzgerald: Executive Director, Strategy, Policy and Performance

Tanya Hancock: Director Policy, Strategy, Policy and Performance

The Committee adjourned at 2.30 pm.

DELIBERATIVE MEETING

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Minutes of Meeting no. 1 of 28 November 2019 be confirmed.

Question put and passed.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted

Mr Sievers moved and Mrs Finocchiaro seconded that:

The Committee authorise publication of the submission received from the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency regarding the Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2019.

Question put and passed.

5. MARINE POLLUTION LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Mr Sievers moved and Ms Nelson seconded that:

The Committee adopt the Chair's draft report, *Inquiry into the Marine Pollution Legislation Amendment Bill 2019*, to be sent to the Speaker on Tuesday 10 December 2019 pursuant to SO 200(4) for subsequent tabling in the Assembly on Tuesday 11 February 2020.

Question put and passed.

6. NEXT MEETING

Deliberative: 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm, Monday 16 December (Consideration of evidence/Chair's draft report on Residential Tenancies Legislation Amendment Bill 2019).

Meeting closed at 2.45 pm.

Ms Ngaree Ah Kit, MLA
Chair